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DEPUTIES' MEETING

25X1A9A Monday, 18 February 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Col. White,  
Messrs. [redacted] Sheldon, Gen. [redacted]  
Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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a) Noted a cable from [redacted] respecting an alleged confidential letter of January 1956 from Nelson Rockefeller to the President which was published in East Germany and stated he could not understand why the full text of this letter as published in the press could not have been airmailed to headquarters immediately. Mr. [redacted] commented that we do have an SOP to handle matters of this nature and undertook to determine why it was not followed in this instance. The Director raised the question as to whether the text of the letter obtained through [redacted] should be published in [redacted] and after some discussion called General Goodpaster who requested that it not be disseminated today -- decision to be made later as to dissemination, if any. The Director did receive General Goodpaster's concurrence to furnish one copy each to Mr. Arthur Larson of USIA and Park Armstrong of State. General Goodpaster will furnish a copy to General Cutler. 25X1A9A  
ACTION: DD/I. General Cabell remarked that he advised [redacted] on Saturday, 16 February, to put a stop on any comment or re-broadcast by any IO news media. 25X1A8

b) Noted he had an opportunity to talk to Dr. Killian over the weekend at some length and asked: 1) Col. White for a briefing paper on the status of the building for his use when he meets with the Committee on the 26th; 2) [redacted]

c) Noted he had heard a rumor that the Agency would not furnish letters of recommendation to employees who resign in good standing. Col. White said this was not true and that he had written any number of such letters, however, they would, of course, vary as to content, depending upon the job held by the employee. The Director said he would like to see a sample or two. ACTION: DD/S.

General Cabell:

a) Noted both he and Gen. [redacted] recommended that the Director read to the IAC in executive session the complete recommendations of the Killian Committee. He pointed out that while the IAC has been made aware of the three recommendations

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involving CIA and the IAC, there is a good deal of conjecture on the part of the Members as to the content of the other seven. The Director commented that these recommendations were made to the President and he did not feel he was at liberty to discuss them outside the Agency without prior consultation with the White House and noted his intention of first discussing this with General Cutler.



Mr. [REDACTED]

Asked the Director if he had heard anything further from Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, respecting the proposed meeting on broadcasting, noting that USIA had already asked some of its field stations for comment on the content and effectiveness of U.S. sponsored broadcasts. The Director said he had not heard from Mr. Murphy and asked Mr. [REDACTED] to remind him to arrange this meeting. In this connection the Director also asked Mr. [REDACTED] to furnish a copy of the USIA memorandum.

General [REDACTED]

Noted it appeared that about the first time we could get Generals Eddleman and Gavin for lunch was 15 March. The Director approved.

Colonel White:

Noted that Chairman Vinson had asked for a manpower briefing some time this month and we were all set to go. The Director said he would first like a dry-run on the contents of this briefing. ACTION: Col. White.

Mr. Sheldon:

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Noted that Ted Curtis of the White House staff had recently commented to [REDACTED] that he was disappointed in the contents of the bi-monthly briefings furnished by this Agency for the White House staff and said that we were in somewhat of a bind since these briefings only contained information up to and including

secret and therefore tailored to fit this classification. Note: This is at the request of Governor Adams. The Director noted his intention of possibly calling Curtis on this and asked that in the meantime he be furnished an outline of the next briefing. Mr. Sheldon commented he could understand why Curtis is disappointed since during the war he received briefings based on all source information and therefore the briefings in question would seem tame by comparison. ACTION: Mr. Sheldon.  
Mr. Amory:

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a) Undertook to furnish the Acting DD/P with a memorandum containing a summary of a reported letter in the hands of the [REDACTED] which would be of interest to us if we can obtain a copy.

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